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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY EXCELSIOR HAS
LAUDED FIRST THIRTY DAYS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION,
PARTICULARLY COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. EDITORIAL
GENERALLY REFLECTS THINKING OF GOCR WHICH ENVISIONS
BILATERAL BENEFITS DUE TO CHANGE IN EMPHASIS OF U.S. POLICY.
END SUMMARY

2. IN LONG EDITORIAL, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY EXCELSIOR FEBRUARY 27
PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD
LATIN AMERICA. AFTER ONE MONTH IN OFFICE, EXCELSIOR
NOTED, CONSCIENTIOUS AND DEMOCRATIC LATINS SHOULD FEEL
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A NEW-DAWNING ERA IN U.S. RELATIONS
WITH THE PEOPLE REPEAT PEOPLE OF THE HEMISPHERE IN
TERMS OF SENSITIVITY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF LATIN
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AMERICANS AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. GONE, EXCELSIOR
EMPHASIZED, IS THE OLD POLICY WHICH TENDED TO SUPPORT
AND ENCOURAGE MILITARY REGIMES.

3. THE POSITIVE DISPOSITION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS IN THE
HEMISPHERE WAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED. AMONG THE EXAMPLES

GIVEN:

-- THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO CONSULT WITH DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ON COMMODITY AND RAW MATERIAL ISSUES. (EXCELSIOR SAYS US POLICY ON THESE ISSUES "WILL BE BASED ON COUNSEL GIVEN BY OFFICIALS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS" AND CITES FACIO.)

-- THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF VISITING ONE OR MORE LATIN AMERICAN DEMOCRACIES.

-- U.S. REFUSAL TO PERMIT CERTAIN URUGUAYAN AND CHILEAN MILITARY TO BE STATIONED IN WASHINGTON OR VISIT THE U.S.

-- ACCELERATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA ON A NEW CANAL TREATY AND THE APPOINTMENT OF SOL LINOWITZ TO THE NEGOTIATING TEAM.

-- THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ FOLLOWING PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF CIA PAYOFFS.

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS KEEPING THE PROMISES HE MADE IN CAMPAIGN, AND THIS ABOVE ALL ELSE IS THE BASIS FOR OPTIMISM. IT WISHES HIM GOOD LUCK IN CONTINUING ALONG THIS PATH.

5. COMMENT: THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN EXCELSIOR GENERALLY REFLECT THE OPINION IN THE GOCR ABOUT CHANGES -- REAL OR PERCEIVED -- IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE HEMISPHERE.
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PHASE. WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION VIEWED AS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE, EXCELSIOR (AND THE GOCR) FORESEE THE U.S. FAVORING DEMOCRATIC NATIONS SUCH AS COSTA RICA THAT RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN A VARIETY OF BILATERAL MATTERS, AND ESPECIALLY IN TRADE. THEIR HOPES ARE HIGH.
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